

Appl. No. 10/666,288
Amdt dated Oct. 14, 2005
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Remarks

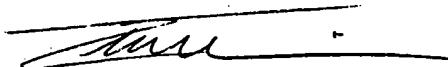
Claims 18-31 remain in this application. Claims 1-17 and 32-51 are presently withdrawn.

The last Office Action noted that the Examiner has found four (4) distinct inventions in this application. Applicants hereby elect to pursue Invention III (Claims 18-31), drawn to an electrosurgical method. No amendment of inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b) is required via this election. Applicants make this election without traverse and intend to pursue the remaining inventions in one or more divisional applications.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to clarify applicants' invention as being related to perforation, as described throughout applicants' specification and understood by a person skilled in the art as meaning "making a hole through" a material. This is opposed to other technologies which deliver energy to merely disrupt the function of a material, often referred to as "ablation".

If the Examiner believes there are any further matters which need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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